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SUBJECT: SMALLPOX VACCINE

This is to inform you that the Department has received the shipment of smallpox vaccine requested from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as part of the national smallpox vaccination program. Once the Secretary of Health and Human Services issues the declaration to begin this campaign, and once we have additional materials from the CDC, we are prepared to begin vaccinations, possibly as early as next week.

Our local campaign will begin first with Departmental staff, both those who will be vaccinators and those who will be on rapid response teams. Then we will begin vaccinations of staff of those hospitals with emergency rooms in the County which chose to participate. Participation of all County and private hospital staff is voluntary.

We will provide you with further details as soon as they are available. In the meantime, if you have any questions or need additional information, please let us know.

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